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Time to plan ahead for future

The ballots have been cast and the results recorded. We now have a new Municipal Government. The people have spoken and have decided who will best represent them for the next three years. The election did not go without it's mud slinging and name calling. But that is now past and it is time to mend the fences and get on with making Halton Hills the best place to live and work.

To the newly elected council we offer our congratulations. But at the same time suggest "take heed" to what the voters have said. The residents are concerned over development, water, the dump, taxes and traffic flow. You, the newly elected council must work on our behalf and find the solutions to these problems.

The key to resolving turmoil is communication. In the past, council has found it difficult to communicate what is happening and why. It is now time that you learn the art of communication and keep your town informed. For the sake of the town and it's future you must take a firm hand.

Govern with authority, communicate to the people what is happening and encourage the special interest groups to work with the Town.

Your task is not an easy one as each and every citizen and group has their own concern and agenda. BUT you must do what is best for the Town.

The special interest groups must work with the new council to make this a better community.

Over the past several months the special interest groups have taken a "them against us" approach to the community. Well, the election is over, the citizens have spoken. It is now time to work together to build a better Town.

Confrontation is not the answer - working together is. If we want proper development, that will enhance our community and bring not only jobs but prosperity, we must learn to work together.

To the special interest groups we say "Give your new council a chance. Work with them folks".

Community Forum

Will the recession affect Christmas shopping?



DOROTHY GOULD, BLUE SPRINGS FLOWER AND GIFT SHOP, ACTON: "I'm not really sure. Mine is the type of business that you can't really be sure about until two weeks before Christmas"



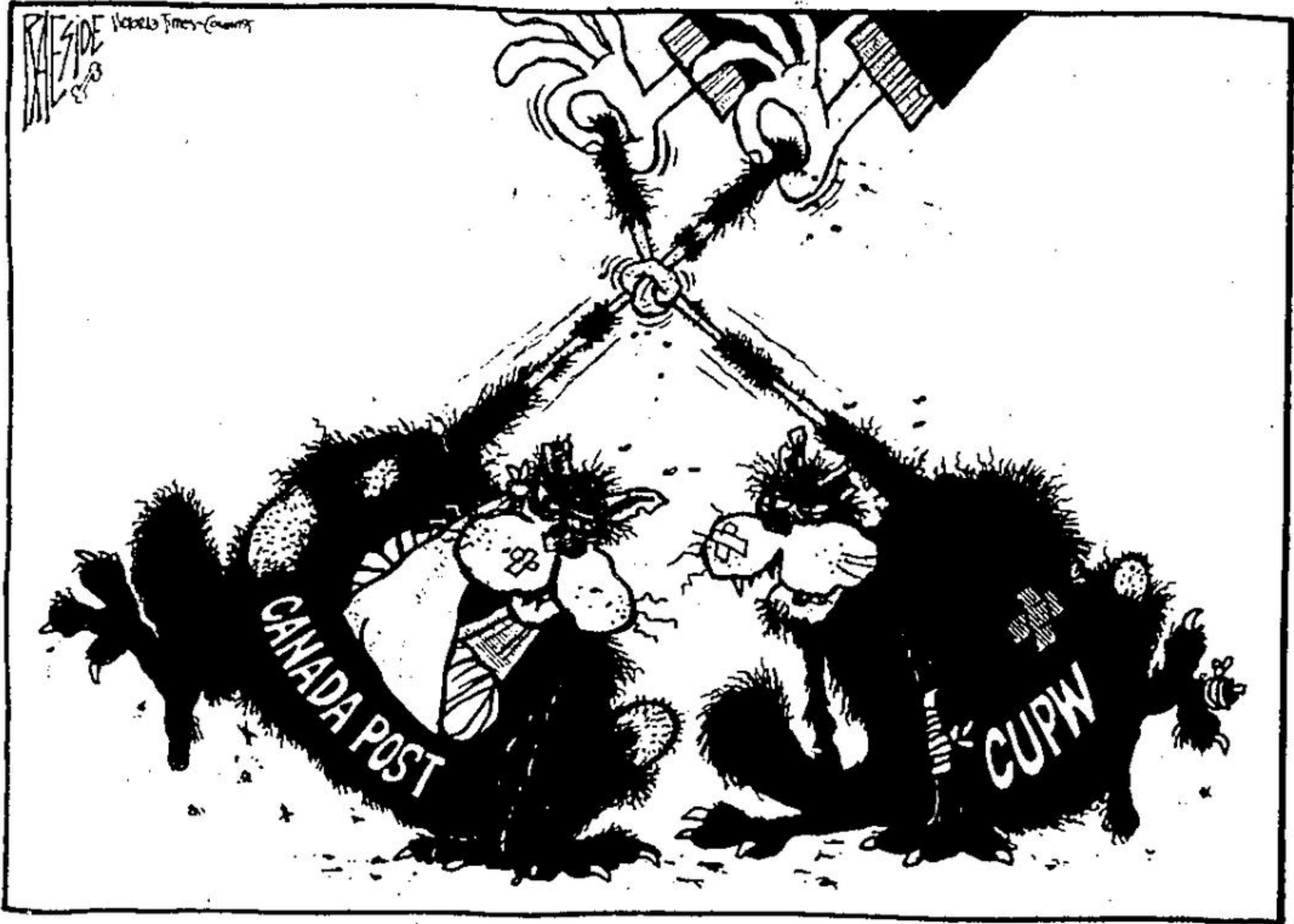
HENRY HELFANT, H and H CLOTHING, GEORGETOWN: "I don't expect it to affect my business personally. My sales have remained stable so far, I can only speak for myself."



MARGE SIRMAN, GEORGETOWN PHOTO: "We are not expecting any decline in sales compared with last year at all. That's about all I can say right now."



DEBBIE KILMER, HALLMARK GREETINGS AND GIFTS, GEORGETOWN: "In the broad spectrum, I think people are more conservative with their buying. But I believe the need to express the Christmas spirit is still there and if they can't afford to buy a gift, I believe they'll still buy a card so I don't think the recession will affect card shops like this one."



People's Forum

P.O.W.E.R. replies to critic

Dear Editor:
P.O.W.E.R. stands for Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources so we are interested in protecting the environment as well as stopping the dump. I didn't see Mr. Courchesne rushing to complain when P.O.W.E.R. presented briefs to the Halton Board of Education, the Niagara Escarpment Commission or the Ministry of the Environment, on Environmental Assessment Act changes. Check the questionnaire. Eight out of 10 questions have a bearing on the environment.

Some other groups have also raised these issues. Therefore Hickory Falls, Silver Creek Valley Environmental and Main

P.O.W.E.R. defended

To the Editor:
In response to Mr. Courchesne's letter regarding P.O.W.E.R.'s attempt to get the candidates on record, I feel every individual has the right to question the candidates. Since many voters do not have the time to call each candidate, this questionnaire is well within the scope of what a citizen's group should be doing.

I have seen the questionnaire and I would expect candidates to be pleased to have written questions so that they could think about the answers. The newspapers have not dealt with specifics and so this leaves most voters with insufficient information. This questionnaire should be met with encouragement, not disdain.

Eight percent of the questions were related to water and the environment. Those are the issues that I expect P.O.W.E.R. to pursue. This is an excellent idea although I do wish that P.O.W.E.R. had done this earlier in the campaign so that it could have been distributed more widely and encouraged more debate.

Good for you, P.O.W.E.R., for helping to clarify the issues.

Yours truly,
Lois Fraser.

Street South residents were contacted for information. They, however, did not write any of the questions. ICE, FOAD and RAIDD can neither take blame or credit for this questionnaire since they were not contacted and knew nothing about it.

No P.O.W.E.R. money was spent! The only thing that was spent was my time, which I volunteered because I thought the newspapers had only dealt with general issues. The photocopying was free courtesy of a local business that thought this was a good idea.

What is so terrible about asking the candidates where they stand? We have not evaluated the answers. We felt that the can-

didates were answering freely. Some chose not to answer, I think mostly because of time and for that I have no criticism.

P.O.W.E.R. has not and was not supporting any candidates. Members of P.O.W.E.R., however, do not give up their rights as citizens when they take out a membership. They can still put up signs. Someone on our board had a sign up for Mayor Miller. They could still sign nomination papers, as did another member of our board and I hope they cannot be intimidated into sitting by silently unable to ask questions.

Sincerely,
Barbara Halsall,
President of P.O.W.E.R.

Historical society demanding action

Dear Editor:

Recently, in response to a phone call from a watchful neighbour, Esquesing Historical Society notified the Ministry of Culture and Communication that the Barber historical plaque had been damaged - a result of the road construction underway on the Maple Avenue extension. The Ministry subsequently removed the plaque as it was considered beyond repair. Due to the large backlog of plaques waiting for attention, it may be as much as two

years before the Barber plaque is once again in place. EHS considers this to be an unacceptable length of time for the Barber Paper Mills and the Credit River Dynamo to go unheralded. The Town of Halton Hills through the office of Mayor Russell Miller has been asked by EHS to put up a temporary sign. We have every expectation that this will be done in the very near future.

Yours truly,
Karen Hunter, President.

Thanks for support

Dear editor:

On behalf of the Association of Early Childhood Educators, Halton Branch, I would like to thank you very much for your participation in the Ninth Annual Kids on Cloud 9.

Each year, this event has made many of Halton's children very happy. You can feel very proud that you were a contributing fac-

tor in this year's successful Kids on Cloud 9 in Acton.

Again, thank you for your support, without you a community event like this would not be possible.

Sincerely,
Lucy Quaglia,
Area Representative for
Teresa Fisher, Kids on
Cloud 9 Coordinator.